Statement

Revenue & Gross Fiscal Deficit of States in NE Region for the years 1999-2000 *and* 2003-2004 *RE/BE*

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	States	1999-2000 (Actuals)			2003-04(RE/BE)		
		Revenue Surplus(+)/ Deficit(-)	Gross Fiscal Deficit	Closing balance with RBI	Revenue Surplus(+)/ Deficit(-)	Gross Fiscal Deficit	Closing balance with RBI
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1	Arunachal Pradesh*	172	89	-9.17	-39	564	-104.99
2	Assam	-1005	1606	-694.69	-1691	3123	-259.22
3	Manipur*	-278	644	289.07	-280	823	-607.84
4	Meghalaya	16	209	28.27	108	291	41.85
5	Mizoram	-31	214	-36.88	-129	281	32.45
6	Nagaland*	-9	183	-87.98	99	429	197.09
7	Tripura	-23	290	114.30	166	636	-88.10

*Data pertains to Revised Estimates for the year 2003-04, for these States. For other States, data pertains to Budget Estimates

Source: Finance Accounts & Budget documents of respective State Governments & RBI.

CAG Report on sale of Modern Food, BALCO etc.

*210. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG has sent final report on strategic sale of Modern Food, BALCO, Paradeep Phosphate, ITDC and HCI Hotels, VSNL, Jessop etc.;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor, in view of the assurance by the earlier Government to get every strategic sale scrutinized by CAG;

(c) whether any review of the shareholders' agreement *vis-a-vis* labour issues of these units has been done;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the post-privatisation performance of these units on quantitative, financial, employment generation, and new investment?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Comptroller & Auditor General follows certain well established procedures, involving different activities and time-frames for auditing the Government transactions. The Government's role is limited to providing to the Comptroller & Auditor General documents sought for and clarifications thereon, which the Government has been doing with promptitude.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (c) above.

(e) The basic structure of the provisions relating to labour in the Shareholders' Agreement (SHA) entered into by the Government with the strategic partners at the time of the disinvestment were considered adequate to take care of labour issues.

(f) There is a trend of improved performance post-disinvestment on quantitative, financial and investment parameters. It is difficult to estimate the full impact of privatisation on employment generation.

Paid-up Capital for new entrants in aviation sector

*211. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that private airlines have requested him for an increase in paid-up capital for the new entrants in the sector and also not to allow foreign airlines to pick up equity in domestic carriers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During discussions, some suggestions have been received regarding enhancement of equity requirement for new entrants as well as barring foreign airlines from investing in the doemstic civil aviation sector.